FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3099**

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TO: The Honorable Robert E. "Bob" Walker, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works

Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: GED from Greenville Technical College

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would provide funding for a general educational development (GED) certificate program at Greenville Technical College (GTC). GTC would not be required to meet the qualifications determined by the State Board of Education relating to teachers, funding, or schedule and funding for the GED certificate program would be based on the number of students in the program.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) estimates the annual cost of providing instruction to each GED student at \$1,500 assuming five credit hours per semester. This estimate is based on Higher Education Mission Resource Requirement calculations and excludes those costs covered by tuition. GED students pay \$70 tuition per semester. GTC anticipates GED enrollment will average about 1,000 through the year for both fall and spring semester. Since GTC would not be required to meet State Board of Education qualifications for GED programs, they would not be eligible for adult education funding from the State Department of Education. Therefore, the impact would be on the General Fund of the State and could be estimated at \$1,500,000 annually based on the assumptions noted above.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

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